

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Miami
Marlins to name the main gate
entrance or other suitable
location at Marlins Park in
honor of Jose Fernandez

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE MIAMI MARLINS TO NAME
THE MAIN GATE ENTRANCE OR OTHER SUITABLE
LOCATION AT MARLINS PARK IN HONOR OF JOSE
FERNANDEZ

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was born on July 31, 1992 in Santa Clara, Cuba; and

WHEREAS, there, he was raised on a small farm by his mother, Maritza, and his grandmother, Olga; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Jose Fernandez was fascinated with Cuba's national pastime, *beisbol*, as he would wander the fields searching for the perfect stick and collecting rocks, then practice hitting home runs by himself; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez attempted to escape Cuba on three separate occasions as a teenager, and was imprisoned by the Cuban government as punishment after his third attempt; and

WHEREAS, on his fourth attempt, at age 15, he succeeded, and managed to escape Cuba along with his mother, his stepsister, her mother and eight others; and

WHEERAS, during the turbulent journey, Jose Fernandez heroically saved his mother's life by diving into the water to rescue her after she fell into the Yucatan channel; and

WHEREAS, after arriving in the United States on April 5, 2008, Jose Fernandez graduated from Braulio Alonso High School in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the first round of the 2011 Major League Baseball Draft as the 14th overall selection, and signed with the team on August 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez started his first Major League Baseball game on April 7, 2013, and in 2013 won the National League Rookie of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez became a United States citizen on April 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez was a two-time All-Star, with a career record of 38 wins, 17 losses, 589 strikeouts, and a 2.58 earned run average; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez also managed to make time during his successful baseball career to give back to his community, through charities such as Live Like Bella and the Marlins Ayudan; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2016, Jose Fernandez died in a tragic boating accident with his two friends, Emilio Macias and Eduardo Rivero; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez, through his hard work, devotion, and optimism, brought great joy to his family, especially his mother and grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Jose Fernandez came to embody the American dream and was a great source of pride for the Cuban exile community of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Marlins Park is a County-owned facility located in County Commission District 5; however, under the County's Operating Agreement with the Marlins for the ballpark, the Marlins retain exclusive naming rights for the entire ballpark site; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Jose Fernandez's memory and in recognition of his significant contributions on and off the field, this Board would therefore like to urge the Miami Marlins to name the main gate entrance or other suitable location at Marlins Park after Jose Fernandez,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Miami Marlins to name the main gate entrance or other suitable location at Marlins Park in honor of Jose Fernandez.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Owner, Manager, General Manager, and President of Baseball Operations of the Miami Marlins.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

NMM for

Michael J. Mastrucci

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